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INTERMEDIATE INSIGHTS

*A Note from the Principals...*



As we leave first quarter behind at Woodland Intermediate School, we pause to reflect on what has been a very positive and exciting beginning to the school year. Everywhere you turn, students and teachers are engaged in the dynamic process of teaching and learning. Technology projects, learning stations, literature circles, guided reading groups, and science experiments represent just a few of the varied ways in which teachers create positive learning experiences that address our fourth and fifth graders' learning styles and abilities. Those learning experiences, along with your ongoing support at home, give us reason to celebrate as we look at our initial ISAT scores. In the area of reading, 78.5% of students at the Intermediate School met or exceeded State Standards, while 91% did so in the area of math. Our fall MAP scores also indicate that our students are performing at high levels, while reminding us of the importance of setting goals in order to meet reading and math growth targets. Fall conferences scheduled for later this month provide students, parents, and teachers an important opportunity to discuss individual student performance and goals, as well as identify ways that parents can continue to support student learning beyond the classroom and school day. With that in mind, we look forward to the tremendous growth and achievement that our students will experience this school year, and thank you for your ongoing support of our learning community.

*With Thanks,*

*Dr. Kent Ashton & Mrs. Melissa K. Passehl*



**WE WANT YOU!!!**



Are you looking for ways to get involved as a parent volunteer at the Intermediate School? Look no further! Our Family-School Partnership, in conjunction with our Literacy Committee, needs parent volunteers to assist with the following: leveling classroom libraries, maintaining our Reading Counts bulletin board, compiling data for quarterly reports, creating recognition certificates for students, and more. If you're looking for opportunities to work more directly with students, we are also in need of additional volunteers to supervise our alternative recess program. Please contact your child's assistant principal for more information and/or to sign up as a volunteer.

**KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE**



PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES, AND OBEY ALL TRAFFIC AND PARKING SIGNS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND EXTRA CARE WHEN IT COMES TO THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS!

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

The concept of Problem Solving is receiving a lot of attention at the Intermediate School this year. Problem Solving in the school setting is defined as a process that uses the skills of professionals from different disciplines to develop and evaluate intervention plans that significantly improve students' academic and behavioral performance. As part of our school improvement efforts, staff members at the Intermediate School are examining the processes, resources, and strategies we have and need in order to "problem solve" student academic and behavioral issues, both at the individual as well as school-wide levels. Furthermore, staff members are routinely engaged in meaningful discussions focusing on student learning within their teams and with support personnel. Related to that effort is the recent revamping of our Bridges program, resulting in the establishment of an intervention that provides intensive, research-based literacy instruction to struggling readers identified according to student achievement data. Looking to the future, professional development and training regarding interventions, data collection, and the delivery of flexible services will take center stage in the arena of Problem Solving.



**Surfin' the Web**

Student assessment information:

- MAP – [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org)
- ISAT – [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net)

Promoting student literacy:

- National Institute for Family Literacy – [www.nifl.gov](http://www.nifl.gov)
- Lexile levels – [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com)

Kids' stuff

- [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)
- [www.kidsites.com](http://www.kidsites.com)

